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LOOKING BACKWARD

The Changes in Elizabeth City this Year.

Many Strides Forward.

The Wonderful Building Improvements That Have Been Made—Great Improvement in All Lines—The Tar Heel in the Van—A Great Future for Elizabeth City—Educational Advances Commendable.

It is fitting at the end of each year to look over the year that has past and see what has been done. We propose to see what Elizabeth City, the financial and industrial center of Eastern North Carolina, has done in her onward march of progress.

Elizabeth City is no new boom town, existing on a paper, but is a live town of about 9,000 population. There are those who would claim a larger population, but we will be more conservative. It is a substantial town, both financially and commercially. Elizabeth City has got to the point that she will grow from her own accretions. There can be no retrograde movement.

We will say little of the history of the place, how it was named for old Aunt Betsy Tooley, who sold gin at the Narrows, but will say that Elizabeth City found herself about 1892. From that time the growth has been very substantial and it is now the trading base for ten prosperous and fertile counties, a back country to be proud of.

The city has been promised an electric car line within the next year. It already has electric lights, and has gained within the last year, water works and sewerage and several fine buildings. A new railroad is another important gain.

The streets of the city are beautifully shaded. Poinceter and Water streets are paved and many are shelled. The climate is healthful, for such a swampy country, and the city has unexampled facilities for a more substantial growth.

The building interests of the city are in a prosperous condition. Many new buildings that would do credit to any city have been erected. Many new firms have been established in many lines of industry. The most recently constructed business building, the Robinson Building, on Poinceter street, is an architectural adornment worthy of attention, aside from the business utility of the building. It is a large three-story building, almost the length of the block between Main and Water streets, and is well appointed. The second floor is taken up with offices and the Elks' Hall takes up the whole space on the third floor. On the ground floor are six stores, three of which are now occupied. There have been several residences worthy of note completed, but mention of which we must omit, for lack of space. A large and commodious Baptist church has been started on Road street and will be completed next year. An addition has also been made to the First Baptist church.

A new Savings Bank and Trust Company has added greatly to the savings interest of the people. This enterprise has its offices and bank in the new Robinson Building. The Citizens' Bank has also added a savings department. The First National Bank has been made a United States depository. The banking interests of the city have received an added impetus from these improvements.

The religious life of the people has also been improved. All parts of the town are being more thoroughly reached by the construction of new church edifices. In addition to the City Road Church, which was built by the Methodists in 1902, the Baptists are constructing a commodious structure on the same street, about a block north of the above mentioned structure. A chapel has been constructed on Euclid Heights by the First Methodist Church, called the Walker Memorial. The First Baptist Church has been compelled to make an addition to their already large structure. All the pastors have had a prosperous year.

The Suffolk and Carolina has reached the borders of our city and will, in all probability, be in town within two weeks. The work of building the wharves, freight and passenger depots will be begun soon and pushed toward completion as soon as possible. The Norfolk and Southern, so unfortunately burned out in September, has built much larger freight sheds and are better prepared than ever to attend to freight and passenger traffic.

The Economist Publishing Company has entered the daily field with a creditable sheet, and the Tar Heel has greatly increased its circulation and is making rapid strides toward more perfect facilities for reaching its readers. No paper is identifying itself more closely with the interests of the people of this city and district than the already popular Tar Heel. This paper has already 3,500 subscribers and expects to push forward to the 5,000 mark before the year 1904 dies. The

circulation of the paper was proven by actual post office weights to be much larger than the circulations of all the rest of the papers of this city combined. We greet our friends with a larger circulation than ever before and we admit, though we are young, that we are a lusty youngster.

Now, as to the business interests. Elizabeth City has seen many new firms and industries incorporated and established. Among the most important of these new firms are Ayallet Bros. Co., wholesale and retail grocers and hardware; D. M. Jones Co., in the hardware business; The Elizabeth City Store & Plumbing Co., in their line; Rucker & Sheely, The Elks, in dry goods and gent's furnishings; M. W. Ferebee & Co., in groceries, and Night & Bright in jewelry. There are many other industries and firms that have been enlarged or had capital stock increased, but these are too numerous to mention.

The educational interests of this place have been built up also. This city is the educational center of the district. It is a leader in educational circles. Besides all the old schools and many private schools, is the Albemarle High School, a school under the management of the Methodists of the district and especially of this city. This school prepares students for the University, Trinity, Wake Forest and the various schools for the education of women. Although in its first year, the school is enjoying a good share of patronage and is looking forward to a very prosperous year. The Atlantic Collegiate Institute is also enjoying a large patronage with very bright prospects ahead. The Public School has an especially large attendance. The able corps of instructors are meeting with success.

At the meeting of the Board of Education at Raleigh, last summer, the number of normal schools for the education of the negro was cut down. Elizabeth City managed, however, to hold hers. It is the only negro school in the northeastern part of the State and is having a period of increased usefulness under the guidance of Prof. P. W. Moore. The appropriation is new larger and the usefulness greater.

Nor must we forget, before closing, to mention the fact that we have a first-class system of water works and sewerage, a system that is a matter of local pride with us. The power house is large enough and the equipment powerful enough to furnish a good system of electric lights and furnish power sufficient to run the electric cars when they come, and they are sure to come now. All arrangements have been completed and work will be begun in the spring. We understand that the rails have been made and all arrangements made for the laying of the track. No statements will be made as to what streets the tracks will traverse.

With this retrospect we will close by stating that Elizabeth City has just begun to grow. There are no pessimists in her border and the lazy man cannot succeed. The motto of our place is PUSH, and the man or industry that doesn't have that for his motto will not succeed. Elizabeth City is the natural and inevitable trading center of ten prosperous and fertile counties, as rich counties as were ever blessed with being. The past of Elizabeth City has been prosperous. What will her future be? She bids fair to be the commercial center of the whole eastern part of the State. This much is true: There will be no retrograde movement, but a steady pull and a pull altogether, by the business men of this place, which will put her farther ahead in the march of progress than she has ever been.

DEATH'S VISITATION.

Mr. Jonathan Brockett Comes to the End of Life's Journey.

Tuesday evening, in this city, at his residence on Riverside avenue, Mr. Jonathan Brockett, a resident of Elizabeth City for the past several years, came to his death. He had been in declining health for some time, and his death was not unexpected by his family.

Mr. Brockett was the father-in-law of Mr. B. D. Barnes, and brother of the late John B. Brockett, who kept a saloon here for several years. He was a native of Camden county.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle Thursday morning, from the First Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. The interment took place at Holly Wood Cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. GUNN.

The Tar Heel hears with regret of the death of Mrs. E. F. Gunn, who died in Norfolk Tuesday. The remains were brought here Wednesday and carried to her former home in Perquimans county. This marks the passing of a good woman, and the Tar Heel regrets that it goes to press too early to publish a more extended account of her death.

SEED PEAS.—Best Alaska variety Seed Peas in two-bushel sealed bags, at \$4.50 per bag. The best adapted pea to this section.

THE MORAL FORCES

Which Have Impelled Elizabeth City Forward.

Healthy Public Sentiment

Rev. Mr. Tuttle Reviews Those Conditions Which Go to Make a Better Town—The High, Bold, Aggressive and Self-Denying Stand of the Tar Heel Complimented.

Editor The Tar Heel:

As one of the ministers of our city, I have been in position to know something of its moral and religious life, and also of the influence that is developing and sustaining that life.

I came here just two years ago, and two months after Rev. George Stuart's great revival, which, I think, gave birth to the spiritual movement which has wrought such marvelous changes in our social, mercantile, educational and religious life. This sustains a recognized fact in the history of Christianity. That the nearer the individual or national life comes into harmony with the Bible as a divine standard the greater are the material blessings that follow. Jesus said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you"—meaning temporal blessings. (See Matt. 6:25, 34). Paul said: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." (Tim. 4:8).

What have been the human instrumentalities used of God to accomplish these purposes? What are some of the evidences of the moral and religious strength of public sentiment in our city?

First, I call to mind the fact that our Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution asking for Sunday trains. This, at a meeting when the moral strength was not on duty not having had notice that the question would be acted upon. At once the pulpits of the city gave the alarm; leading business men who stood for the holy keeping of God's day expressed themselves; at a later meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a motion to reconsider was made and carried with a decided majority. Why do money and pleasure lovers want to shorten life by destroying the only day in seven of much needed nerve, muscle, mind, body and soul rest? Please read Isaiah 58:13, and Eccles. 7:17.

Second, I call to mind how there was a stealthy movement to leave out of our town ordinances the ordinance against the permitting bawdy houses to exist among us, but thanks be to God, His cause has never been without a man or men at the pivotal moment and the moral alarm was again sounded; the watchman on truth's tall tower proclaimed the threatening danger that hung like a dark and filthy pall over the virtue of our young life, and the purity of our homes. Result: The moral and religious forces united, went before the Board of Aldermen and the proper legal protection against houses of ill fame was continued.

Third, The temperance forces of the city united their strength in organizing the Anti-Saloon League, which, in a day of "little faith," circulated petitions asking for a popular vote on "Saloons" or "Dispensary," believing that they could win on a compromise. The saloon forces in the habit of winning victories where Christians compromise, did the unusual thing of petitioning for an election on the direct issue of "Saloons" or "Prohibition," thinking they could win on this easier than the other. We rejoiced in heart when their petition was recognized, and the election ordered. Working for Prohibition we had foot-hold for faith in prayer. There is no praying ground when Christians compromise. The battle of ballots against bar room bottles was fought and grandly won, and truth, virtue and sobriety form the strongest ingredient in the moral atmosphere of an aspiring young city.

Finally, What have been the human instrumentalities used of God in accomplishing these ends?

Answer: First—So far as Prohibition is concerned, the W. C. T. U. as led by that fearless and Godly woman, Mrs. Kate E. Zimmerman. For years this noble band of wives and mothers have been untiring in labor and unceasing in prayer. The later forces that united with them for the final struggle and triumph were divine reinforcements sent in answer to their prayer-pleadings.

Answer: Second—The combining and working together in perfect harmony all the Christian forces of the city. Never did churches more completely ignore their differences and unite their strength against a common foe than did those of our city in all these battles for truth and good government.

Answer: Third: The high, bold, aggressive and self-denying stand taken by the Tar Heel on all moral questions, especially on the Prohibition issue. Its editorials, cartoons, etc., have been

like Krupp guns in the enemy's ranks. For this noble and very timely service of your paper the best element of our people owe a lasting debt of gratitude which we trust will be duly discharged in generous support. Finally, with the wicked weight of bar room removed, our community ought to, and will bound forward in moral, intellectual, mercantile and religious progress. Our splendid schools ought especially to be filled with many young men and women from surrounding counties since our moral atmosphere is as pure as can be had for young people.

Pardon me I am taking too much of your valuable space. I close by saying "All Hall" to the brighter day that is dawning on our "Young Lizzie" since "Old Betsy" of early Lisle history is dead, killed by votes for virtue. D. H. TUTTLE.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDING ELDER.

"Certainly No Paper Goes into so Many Homes and Wields so Much Influence as the Tar Heel," Says Dr. Underwood.

The Elizabeth City District is composed of the Methodist churches in the following counties, viz.: Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Perquimans, Chowan, Tyrrell, Dare, Washington, and two churches in Beaufort. These churches are grouped in twenty pastoral charges. Of these charges four have only one church each, viz.: First Church, Elizabeth City; City Road, Edenton, and Plymouth. The following have two churches, viz.: Roanoke Island, Roper, Pantego, and Belhaven. The other pastoral charges have from three to seven churches, making 69 churches in the district, with 1,430 members, according to statistics of 1902.

The Presiding Elder is expected to visit each of these pastoral charges once every quarter, or four times a year, and preach and hold the official meetings of quarterly conferences, as we term these official meetings.

Besides this routine work, he has general oversight of the entire district. This work involves a great deal of travel and necessitates frequent and sometimes protracted absences from home on the part of the Presiding Elder.

During the Conference year just closed we have preached nearly 200 sermons. Besides the regular monthly meetings which have been held, we have assisted in several revival services. Quite a number have been received into the church on profession of faith during the year. (Not so many as last year, however, during which there were about 1,000 conversions). The district has made the best financial showing this year that has been made any year in its history, and is the banner district in the North Carolina Conference, financially.

No better people are to be found anywhere than we have in this district. Many of them are a reading people, who keep abreast of the times. As an evidence of this fact the Tar Heel is seen in almost every home into which we go, and many words of praise and commendation of its policy are heard. Certainly no paper goes into so many homes and wields so great an influence in this section as the Tar Heel. It is very evident that the brave fight for temperance and morality which has been maintained by the Tar Heel has greatly strengthened it with the better element of the people. Wishing you, Mr. Editor, and all the Tar Heel force, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, Yours sincerely,

J. E. UNDERWOOD, Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 23, 1903.

APPROACHING NUPTIALS.

Mr. George Makely Wins One of Elizabeth City's Fair Daughters.

Cards have been received in the city reading as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. John Edmund Underwood request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lina Atkins, to Mr. George Makely, on the morning of Tuesday, the twenty-ninth of December, at nine o'clock, three, Road street, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Both the contracting parties are well known in Elizabeth City. Miss Underwood is the accomplished daughter of Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District. She is a young lady of grace and culture, whose charming qualities of head and heart have made for her a large circle of friends and admirers.

Mr. Makely is a native of Pennsylvania, but now resides in Hyde county, this State. He is the owner and manager of the Donald farm, and is one of the most important planters in Hyde. He is a young man of fine qualities, both in business and social life, and has a large circle of friends, both in his native State and in his adopted home.

After the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Makely will leave over the Norfolk and Southern for an extended tour. They will visit Northern cities and Niagara Falls, after which they will reside at Lake Umbagog, N. C.

BUSINESS MEN TALK

They Tell of Their Business For 1903.

Elizabeth City's Trade.

It Has Increased Enormously in Every Branch in the Past Year—The Territory Has Been Very Much Enlarged—Most Successful Period in the City's History.

In another column we have reviewed the growth of Elizabeth City, both in commercial and building circles. We have shown how she has taken on new life and is reaching out and making her power felt as a trading center. We do not propose to stop there, but intend to give some concrete examples proving our assertions.

Elizabeth City is growing in every branch of trade that is represented in our industrial life. With a marvelous rich back country, comprising ten fertile counties, and with great resources at home, she is making her power felt even in the North. The Northern capitalist who is seeking a place to invest his capital, a place that will give the greatest returns for capital expended, does not go farther after he has investigated the resources of this region, and that is why Elizabeth City has such prestige as a center of trade.

Now, we intend to present some statistics showing this growth in the various industries located here. These figures are not illustrative, but are figures that were authorized by the members of the firms themselves.

The Bladen Lumber Company, probably the most enormous plant in town, states that it has a large local trade. Their trade is extending, reaching into the far North. The demand in the Northern States is greater than the supply. The builders are buying for more lumber and any kind of lumber that they can use. The general increase in the business is 10 per cent. This means many thousands of dollars. They paid in taxes this year—town taxes, \$1,095.79; city, county and State taxes altogether, \$1,936.51. This shows the extent and value of the plant.

Kramer Bros. & Co. state that their trade is 20 per cent. better than in any previous year. This firm has been compelled to enlarge its plant during the past year. Seventy-five per cent. of this trade is in town. The territory is being extended without any effort. The demand exceeds the supply. This is owing to the increased building interests of this city.

The Elizabeth City Grist Mills report that they are selling in towns where good mills are already established. Not satisfied with their success at home, they are constantly invading territory already covered by local mills. This speaks well for the industry. They propose to capture new territory when the Suffolk & Carolina Railroad is completed and opened for traffic.

Messrs. Beveridge & Sawyer have gained three hundred bales of cotton more than last year. It is the best record in thirty years business. They sold this year 150 bales of cotton at a net gain of \$12.00 per bale, a total of \$1,800.00 profit. This cotton was sold last week. Thus it is with the cotton ginning interests here.

Aldrett Bros. Co. report an extended business, reaching into all the territory covered by other Elizabeth City firms. This firm is a large one and is prepared to compete with any other firm in their constantly increasing territory.

Flora & Co. report that they are holding up well and are covering a large territory. Their trade goes into all the ten counties that comprise the back country of Elizabeth City.

Fowler & Co. report that the year 1903 has been the best in the history of the business. They have an extended patronage in local trade circles, but ship great quantities of goods all over the State. Their territory extends far into South Carolina. It is not a rare occurrence for them to make shipments out of the State.

The Owens Shoe Co. reports a 25 per cent. increase in sales during the past year. This is the only exclusive shoe house in the city, and its sales justify the prophecy that this is not the biggest increase they can have. In fact, they are constantly invading and capturing new territory. Their old customers come back and new ones come in. This is a very good increase, but they are going to do better next year.

The Elks, though a new firm, having begun business only last August, report trade as entirely satisfactory and they, too, express the idea that they will reach out and extend their trade during 1904.

Rucker & Sheely, another new firm, states that their trade is very satisfactory. In fact, it exceeded their expectations. They, too, are preparing for a more prosperous year and express themselves as satisfied that they will

be better able to reach the general trade next year.

The Bee Hive. Mr. Gilbert states that the volume of trade this year is in excess of any previous year. They have been selling a better class of goods with better results. Especially have they met with augmented success in ladies dress goods and men's clothing. Their class of trade has diminished a better class of goods and they have supplied the wants of their customers satisfactorily. Not the least important part of the business is the mail order department, which has had a substantial growth during the past year. Their success is attributed to judicious advertising. They note many new customers never before trading with them. The territory is being constantly extended.

The C. B. Mason Marble Works reports an increase of 65 per cent. in its trade. Besides a large local demand Mr. Mason ships goods from Maryland to Georgia. That is the extent of his trade. Only last week he received a three hundred dollar order from South Carolina. At least half of the monuments and tombstones sold do not pass through the shops here, but are shipped direct from the factory. The success this year has been phenomenal and Mr. Mason is making extended preparations to cover his territory better and get new territory.

The Elizabeth City Buggy Co. reports an increase of at least 25 per cent. in their trade during the past year. In addition to the sale of buggies and carriage accessories, they report very large sales in wire fencing. This company has the distinction of having sold three carloads of wire fencing more than any firm in North Carolina. They report a widely extended territory with good prospects of getting new territory. This firm covers the beach territory from Virginia Beach to Wilmington.

Mr. Stevens, of The Fair says: "Our trade is very satisfactory, the best year of our business life. We see many new faces among our customers." Mr. Burrows, of this big store, said: "Our business in every department has had a wonderful increase and I hardly know which is in the lead. The book and stationery department far exceeds our most hopeful expectations."

"My business has grown beyond the capacity of my house and my ability to manage, and during this season I have been compelled to turn off at least twenty-five per cent. of my trade; but I wish to say that my new place will soon be furnished with all modern appointments of a first-class hotel," said Mr. Joshua W. Stokely, proprietor of the Little Gem Hotel.

In real estate circles, Mr. A. C. Hathaway says:

"In all sections of Elizabeth City shows a steady increase. This increase is as it has been for the last twenty years, so gradual it is hardly perceptible. Yet, in looking backward and comparing prices a yearly increase which amounts to double value every few years is proven by the records. I have studied the situation and feel that 1904 will prove the banner year for Elizabeth City record breaking prices of real estate. I think it will go much higher than our people."

"Trade is very good; our best year; yesterday was the largest day's sales we ever made," said Mr. A. F. Toxey, of Toxey & Gallop.

"All the work I can do; will be glad to see Christmas, so I can have an excuse to rest; no kick to make and business good," said our friend Pete Spire, the bicycle dealer.

"We are doing our full share of business. The year has been most satisfactory; in fact, the best year of our existence; we are extending our trade in new territory," says Mr. W. W. Morrisett, of the Crystal Ice and Coal Company.

"No complaint to make; trade has been entirely satisfactory," said Mr. Fred Davis, the coal dealer of many years.

Mr. Howard, manager of the Elizabeth City Store and Plumbing Co., said: "Our business has been better than we had reason to expect. Our stove sales have been immense. The demands on our tinning and plumbing department have been greater than we could satisfy."

"I am too busy to talk now; will report later; I owe much to advertising in the Tar Heel," says J. D. Hathaway, the popular jeweler.

Messrs. T. A. Commander & Sons state that their trade is 25 per cent. greater than in any previous year that they have been in business. "The trade is mostly local, but they could have done a great deal of out of town business and could have entered new territory had their plant been large enough to supply local and out of town trade. They could hardly fill local orders. The city's demand has been greater and has taxed their resources more than any year they have been in business."

Mr. W. C. Glover, our commission merchant, says: "It is the best business year of my life. The volume of trade has taxed my resources to the utmost."

"Our business is very satisfactory. It is the best year since our establishment was opened, in 1873. Trade is at least 25 per cent. better this year than ever before," was the statement

ENTERTAINMENTS.
And other enterprises get a free write-up in the TAR HEEL when we do the printing of the Invitations, Programs, etc. The best work in the city at reasonable price.
407 E. Fearing Street.

made at P. W. Melick's store. "The Globe," H. H. Lavanstein, proprietor, reports more trade than it can well handle. Everybody in the store is to busy to talk. "There are no hard times for us this year," said Mr. Lavanstein. He praises the Tar Heel as an advertising medium.

McCabe & Grace state that their trade during the year has been entirely satisfactory. Mr. McCabe states that it is a great deal better than any year of their existence.

The Hosley Mills are running on full time, but prices for manufactured goods will not justify present price of cotton.

The Elizabeth City Cotton Mills state that they have orders at present that justify their making full time. Business, however, is very unsettled. "The price of cotton is so high that we cannot figure on the future outlook. The present pressing demand for our stock justifies us keeping up with the present price of cotton, but we cannot say what the future will be. We have 110 operatives."

As to the schools, Prof. Sheep says that the average attendance at the A. C. T. is 25 per cent. better than in former years. There are now 125 pupils enrolled and the capacity of the school taxed, notwithstanding the recent addition to the building. They cannot do more for lack of room. There are ten teachers. Next fall will be their 25th anniversary. They expect to celebrate this event by having a reunion of the old students, many of whom have achieved success in the various walks of life.

"The banks are the barometer indicating the financial temperature of a community. Let us see what they are doing."

We can best show what the First National Bank is doing by showing the comparative deposits made during the several years of this institution's life. They are:

April, 1893.....	\$2,000.00
April, 1896.....	125,000.00
April, 1902.....	175,000.00
September 9, 1903.....	315,000.00

These statements show the growth of the First National better than we could show. The statistics speak for themselves. It is one of the soundest banking institutions in the country and has been made a United States depository.

The Citizens' Bank is four and a half years old. Their capital stock of \$25,000.00, and during the years of its existence, has paid in dividends \$2,500.00. They have a surplus fund of \$10,000.00 and have voted the officers a very liberal increase in salary.

The Savings Bank and Trust Company, the newest of our banking institutions, has been open for deposits only seven days. It has done a very good business in that time and the prospects are more flattering than was anticipated.

And now we close. We have taken these instances to show that Elizabeth City has extended her borders. The territory covered is extensive and prosperous. These illustrations were taken, in several instances, from new firms, to show that there is still room in our city for new industries. We heard one gentleman say Tuesday that he could get twenty-five families here and he is only one of many. The future of Elizabeth City is great. The industries are just beginning to come. Among the industries planned for the future are: A furniture factory, cotton seed oil mill, fertilizer factory, a horse exchange, and many other industries that help vary the business life of a city. Elizabeth City has all the advantages that will make her the first city of the State. The time must come when she will be the queen city of our State, and the center of trade for the whole eastern section of the State. She must grow from now on and no accidental mishap can stop her. With the proper banking facilities, a healthy business life, and plenty of capital, what else can she do but go forward?

STUDENTS TURN HOMEWARD.
All Elizabeth City boys and girls are turning their steps homeward during holiday times and the great majority of those attending school will be home. Elizabeth City has large representations at the University of North Carolina, Baptist Female University, and Agricultural and Mechanical College. All the schools of the Old North State have Betsy's brightest boys and girls in attendance. These will all be home to partake of the Christmas festivities.

THE MISSION OF A NEWSPAPER.

Mr. A. W. Stanton, of Nixonton, is one of the most successful farmers in Pasquotank county. He is an example of what a young man can do on the farm when he couples brains with brawn. Mr. Stanton is free in his praise of the Tar Heel.

"It has done more to promote the interests of this city and section, during its existence of two years, than any other medium has ever done; it has fostered the rural free delivery and now I observe you are making a crusade for good roads. Such a policy, I believe, is the mission of a newspaper. I am proud of the Tar Heel and in my home it is a household necessity. It should be locally supported," said Mr. Stanton.